SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on November 9, 2007 and attended by Examiner Johnson and Applicants' representative Gregory A. Hermanson.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 1-21

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Fiato et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,618,597, "Fiato") and Ozin et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,552,855, "Ozin").

Proposed Amendments

None.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants' representative asserted that Ozin's disclosure of alpha iron oxide was a typographical error as evidenced by related applications that Ozin filed in other countries, and that in any event, iron in the catalyst taught by Ozin is associated with the zeolite in a supported form. Applicants' representative also asserted that Fiato discloses iron manganese spinels (not alpha iron oxide) as catalysts in Fischer-Tropsch synthesis.

Results of Interview

Examiner Johnson suggested that to further argue over the section 103 rejections, Applicants submit evidence that shows the criticality of the alpha iron oxide in the catalyst and how the presence of manganese in the spinel affects properties of the catalyst differently then the claimed alpha iron oxide.